

BAPTIST EDUCATORS AND YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD NOTABLE MEETINGS

YOUNG PEOPLE CLOSE GREAT CONVENTION

Sessions Among Best Ever Held
by Organization in the
South.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. W. W. Hamilton Again
Chosen President—Number of
Addresses Delivered.

The sessions of the annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, held yesterday in the First Baptist Church, were perhaps the most interesting and profitable the union has had in several years. Notwithstanding the threatening weather, the sessions were largely attended, especially in the morning, when the main auditorium was nearly filled with people, who were anxious to hear the addresses and to learn of the good work the union is doing throughout the South.

The addresses were all very fine, and of the kind to awaken enthusiasm in the work the union is engaged in, and the reports were, in the main, of an encouraging character. The devotional exercises, especially the singing, with which the sessions were interspersed, were of the enthusiastic kind, and altogether the meetings were spiritually uplifting and greatly enjoyed by those who attended them.

The speeches, both set and impromptu, were all of a high order, and the discussions of the various subjects brought out very constructive and elevating. The devotional exercises, which commenced at 9:30, were led by Rev. M. W. Barreter, of Missouri.

A Wider Vision.

"Training in Christian Speech" was the subject of a very interesting address by Rev. H. W. Virgin, of Kansas City, one of the vice-presidents of the union. One of the lessons set forth was the beauty and the loveliness of a clean tongue. The subject was further discussed by Rev. S. A. Cowan, of Georgia, and Dr. J. M. Frost, of Tennessee.

"A Wider Vision in Young People's Work" was the subject of an eloquent address by Mr. George T. Webb, of Chicago, the general secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of the United States. Mr. Webb is a forceful speaker, and held the large audience spellbound for a half an hour. He was followed by Rev. Mr. McLemore, of Georgia, who told of the extension of the vision in Georgia, and how it was accomplished.

Mr. Webb's address was a particularly happy one, and was followed by a telephone, put in operation the wonderful talking machine. The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church is in a sense the electric talking machine of the denomination, and has a right to perform that no other part of the church machinery can perform. He declared that what has been accomplished by the Young People's Union is insignificant compared with what should be done. He said that the larger vision of the work that is most necessary. He said that everybody should take part in the meetings aside from the singing. He also had a great deal to say concerning the lack of individuality in the church.

Mr. Webb proved himself one of the ablest and most attractive orators of the occasion, and his speech created an enthusiasm that will doubtless be abiding.

Dr. McLemore, of Georgia, was also a most earnest speaker, and told of how the work is being done in Georgia and the great things accomplished there was thrilling.

Weekly Meetings. The next subject discussed was "The Weekly Meeting, the Union's Opportunity." Upon which subject Rev. S. E. Tull, of Greenwood, Miss., read a most entertaining paper. Not confining himself to the paper, Mr. Tull branched out into a general discussion of the systematic work of the union as developed in their weekly meetings, and his address created no little enthusiasm. He was followed by several speakers who spoke of the enthusiastic audience on the same theme.

Officers Elected.

The committee on nominations made a full report, recommending the following officers of the union for the ensuing year, all of whom were duly elected.

President, Rev. W. W. Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga.
Vice-presidents, Rev. E. L. Grace, Richmond, and Rev. Ross Moore, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Recording Secretary, W. W. Gaines, Atlanta, Ga.

Executive Committee—B. A. Dames, chairman; Joseph T. Watts, secretary; M. P. Hunt, T. T. Eaton, J. R. Sankey, B. B. Bailey, W. L. Dargan, J. N. Prestidge, Lloyd T. Wilson.

State Vice-Presidents—Alabama, Rev. Austin Couch; Arkansas, Rev. P. F. Gibson; Georgia, Rev. J. S. McLemore; Florida, Rev. Thomas M. Calloway; Kentucky, Rev. Preston Blake, D. B. Louisiana, Rev. C. V. Edwards; Maryland, Rev. W. H. Baylor; Mississippi, Arthur Blake; Missouri, Rev. R. M. Inlow; North Carolina, Rev. J. C. Moore; Oklahoma, Rev. W. D. Moore; South Carolina, Rev. J. D. Chapin, D. D. Tennessee, Rev. H. P. Hunt; Texas, R. H. Coleman; Virginia, Rev. Hyland Knight.

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Warm Times in Virginia.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, replied briefly to the address of welcome. He said he knew something of Virginia and of Richmond, and knowing them as he did he felt home expect, ing nothing but a warm welcome and a good time. He was in these parts about forty-odd years ago, when men knew something about warm times. He never knew a time when Richmond and Virginia would not welcome a good thing. The Baptist hosts, he said, had come up to the Jordan to cross over a few days. He declared that the hosts had come up for a great time in this city, in which lingers the impress of great spirits who have gone on before, and their great time will consist in the catching of the spirit of the great men who have made Richmond and Virginia great, that they may be the stronger and the better prepared for the wonderful work entrusted to their hands, "a work which shall cause the great civilization which leads in Virginia and America to lead in China and Japan and the Isles of the sea."

The reading of the law by President

Stevens and the vigorous pounding of his gavel could not repress the large and enthusiastic audience, and in spite of all that could be done, the people would applaud the eloquent utterances of Mayor McCarthy and Dr. Gambrell.

The chair appointed the following committee:

On Order of Business—Rev. Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, of Georgia; Dr. D. B. Gray, of Georgia; Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Kentucky, and Dr. R. J. Willingham, of Virginia.

On Public Worship—Rev. Dr. C. S. Garfield, chairman, and the other pastors of Richmond.

Later the first named committee reported an order of business, which is published elsewhere.

The Annual Sermon.

The preliminary business of the opening session of the convention being now completed, the chair announced that the annual convention sermon would be delivered by Rev. A. J. Dickenson, of Birmingham, Ala. After a short devotional service, Dr. Dickenson announced his text and preached an able sermon on the Messianic message of Christ.

The evening service was closed with an earnest prayer by Dr. E. B. Hale, of North Carolina.

After adjournment a sort of general social meeting was held, and many old friends renewed their acquaintance, new acquaintances were made, and for at least an hour the people lingered to shake hands and talk one to the other about the work as it is progressing in their respective sections.

Likes The Auditorium.

Mayor McCarthy was particularly interested in the auditorium, its acoustics, properties and its adaptability for just such great gatherings as that which filled it last night. In a general way he was pleased with the building, for hundreds of the members of the convention sought him out and congratulated him and Richmond on the fine hall. The only complaints that were heard came from those who were in the rear of the building or up in the gallery, where the buzz of conversation prevented hearing. Once during the proceedings President Stephens paused to say that a complaint had reached him that the people in the galleries and the rear could not hear, and when he had got quiet restored he spoke in an ordinary tone, and asked some one in the gallery if he could be heard. The reply was that with quiet in the gallery itself he could be heard perfectly.

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